

# VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

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## Festival Requests

Looking for friends or business contacts outside the neighborhood agreeable to placing Festival Signs from Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> to Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will also be needed to retrieve the signs between Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you know of anyone please contact  
Ann Wickham -466-9773 to pick up your signs.

## Heavy Trash Pick-up

As we all know the City of Indianapolis is responsible for our trash pick-up and has for several years offered Heavy Trash pick up on a monthly basis. If there is a set week for this I have been unable to find out what it is. You can still receive the service it just takes persistence. I put an item out and waited a full month thinking surely next week was heavy trash pick-up. Sadly 4 weeks went by and nothing happened. I called the Mayor's Action Line and left a message. Two days later they called me back and said they would forward my concerns. Another week went by and nothing happened. So I called them again and finally after 7 weeks the City of Indianapolis picked up. If you have large items I would recommend giving it a week and then call the Mayors Action Line at 327- 4622. Be prepared to repeat your efforts at least once, they are short staffed.

## Kitchen Remodel Project Update

The committee headed by Nancy Barton and Becky Stoops have been working diligently on the kitchen remodel project but are now waiting for an update from Council Member Carla Gaff-Clark with regard to the City of Indianapolis' intentions with regard to small town assimilation.

This is an issue that caused a town-wide initiative some months back enlisting the aid of State Representatives Theresa Lubers and David Orentlicher. We believed it had been resolved but once again "rumors" abound.

Before investing more time and effort in pursuing this very popular project we will collect as much information on the situation as possible so an informed and intelligent decision can be made.

The RRCA Board would like to thank everyone for their donation of time, talents and passion to this project. Once it is determined that our "Town Status" is secure we look forward to your continued participation.

We will keep you posted as things develop.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Sat. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - 10AM -  
Wanda's Coffee &  
Chat*

*Tues. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 PM  
Town Board Meeting  
- open to the public*

*Tues. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - Rocky  
Ripple Community  
Association Meeting -  
everyone invited*

*Sat. Sept. 13 - Town wide  
Adopt-a-River Clean  
up event*

**Sat. Sept. 27 -**

**Arts Festival  
in Hohlt Park**

*Sat. Oct 18 - Chili Supper  
- Hayride &  
Halloween Howl*

*Sat Dec 6 - Holiday  
Bazaar & visit with  
Santa*

## USEFUL NUMBERS

### Animal Control

327-9317

### Township Assessors

327-4819

### Child Abuse Hot Line

800-800-5556

### Health & Hospital Corp.

221-2000

### Mayor's Action Center

327-4622

Call for heavy trash pick up  
assistance

### Fire & Police

911



PUTTING THE UNITY BACK IN OUR COMMUNITY

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB**

**WWW.ROCKYRIPPLE.ORG**



Community Partnerships

When you join the Riviera Club in addition to all the great benefits offered by the club you are also supporting your community association. The Community Partnership Program donates a portion of each full price membership to the RRCA.

Check out the fun

www.rivi.org

Where does the money go?

After expenses the revenue from our annual fundraising event the "Arts Festival in Hohlt Park" supports our parks and green-spaces. This year in addition to increasing the Hohlt Park Endowment Fund balance, our insurance against tough economic times overseen by CICF, we are also re-mulching the children's playground. After the festival we will be reviewing the condition of the playground equipment to see if additional repair or replacement is needed.

Throughout the year the RRCA offers several additional events for the residents of our community as well as the Directory, newsletter & web site. Events include the upcoming Chili Supper and Halloween Howl, Christmas Bazaar, January Community Dance, three bingos, the Easter Egg Hunt & Cake Walk and monthly coffee and chat. Proceeds from the food sold and donations are used to offset the costs of hosting these events as well as drinks for all Town Hall activities, treats for the kids, door prizes, Santa's toy bag and enough cakes for everyone to "win" something even if it's not home made. Anything that is left over is deposited into the Endowment Fund. Join us monthly at the meeting for our Treasurer's Report. We'd love to see you.



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**Town Marshall**

News from 930 W. 54th  
**July/August 2008 update**

**SMOOTHER ROADS IN ROCKY RIPPLE**

Kudos to Jon, Scott and Cody for patching Rocky Ripple's streets and saving the town money.

**Attend a Town Council meeting.** Are you curious about what happens at a Town Council meeting? Do you have a question or concerns? You're invited to attend the Council's regularly scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. If you can't attend, meeting minutes are always posted on the bulletin board located near the front door of the town hall and updated on the Town Web site. [www.rockyripple.com](http://www.rockyripple.com)

**Do you want to volunteer for the Town?**

Contact any of your council members with your ideas or visit Rocky Ripple's Town Web site for volunteer opportunities.

## ROCKY RIPPLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Amidst the everyday hustle to and from work, it is easy to lose sight of our natural surroundings. Just taking a moment out from the struggle to find the cheapest gas might reveal baby birds cuddled up in their nests, turtles exploring our neighborhood canal or butterflies feeding on the hidden botanical treasures throughout our city.

We have dedicated our Center for Urban Ecology @ Butler to studying all walks of wildlife; specifically focusing on how each component interacts with the urban environment where we work and play.

The Center's first year welcomed in student-faculty research consisting of multiple genetic population studies of turtles, fox squirrels, salamanders, frogs and plants around Butler's campus. Additionally, the Center aided community efforts to enhance the various ecosystems of Indianapolis

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY AROUND US!

(including faculty/student partnerships with the Indiana Musuem of Art, Keeping Indianapolis Beautiful, and the Hoosier Riverwatch Program among others). For example, the Center directed the design and installation of the detention basins along 52<sup>nd</sup> street. These basins assure a cleaner water drain off from campus into the White River, create a habitat overflowing with native plant species that attract monarch butterfly populations and serve as a great teaching tool for local students.

As the number of long term projects and community involvement continues to increase, the Center is looking forward to hiring our first full time employee to work as a project manager and to serve as a stabilizing force for student-driven research.



The Center's student interns (in conjunction with professors from the Department of Biological Sciences) are committed to exploring the natural areas of Indianapolis and have dedicated time this summer to lead monthly nature walks and bird outings. It has been particularly gratifying for students to work and learn about our local

ecosystems alongside people of all ages from outside the Butler community. For example, ongoing surveys of the physical, chemical, and biological properties of the White River and canal located behind Butler's Science building provides a perfect opportunity to educate and learn with the community right in our "backyard."

If nothing more than to enjoy the natural environment, come along to one of our nature walks or bird outings. Come prepared to learn something and leave feeling refreshed.

- **Nature walks** begin promptly at 12:00 noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Meet in the lower level atrium of Gallahue Hall.
- **Bird Outings** begin at 8:00am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Meet in the lower level atrium of Gallahue Hall.
- **What to bring?** Your friends, a sturdy pair of shoes, and 1-2 hours of your time. All ages are welcomed and encouraged.

Be on the lookout for upcoming seminars concerning the local wildlife. Art Jeffries, bluebird specialist, will be coming this Fall to discuss his experience with nesting bluebirds in urban environments. Also, the Center is participating in the regional White River clean up on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Come join us!

For more information about the Center for Urban Ecology @ Butler or questions regarding the wildlife in the area please contact us at:  
[CUE\\_B@listserv.butler.edu](mailto:CUE_B@listserv.butler.edu)

Author: Colleen Heath, Butler University Senior

The RRCA would like to thank Colleen Heath for her contribution. There are many activities in and around Rocky Ripple. Your Community Association looks forward to bringing you more informational articles about activities in the surrounding community.

#### **RECYCLING IN ROCKY RIPPLE**

The RRCA with the assistance of Michael Smith is considering the possibility of expanding our recycling facilities.

We currently have the Abitibi Paper Recycle Dumpster providing us with some income based on volume of paper recycled. 100% of the proceeds from this effort are turned over to the Town Board to help offset the cost of the Port-o-let in Hohlt Park.

The expanded effort would include recycling for cardboard, metal, glass and plastic and would involve a voluntary donation by everyone who chooses to use the facility. The dumpsters and service are not free. Those who chose to participate could then eliminate their curb-side service.

A presentation will be made to the Town Board in upcoming months with regard to permission, placement and feasibility.

We'll keep you posted!